MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the Government ——

PRESIDENT: Your turn is up.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know from the member what he meant by saying that it was not thought worth while to launch prosecutions in regard to felling of trees? By whom was it thought not worth while?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): By the Conservator of Forests.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Was the matter brought to the notice of the Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) Did the Government concur in the view of the Conservator that it was not worth while to launch prosecutions.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether the amount of damage involved is a criterion in forest cases?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Not always.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know whether the Forest Regulation and Rules enable the officers of the Forest Department to compound offences?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Miss Rosemeyer, Chief Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

23. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Chief Inspectress is engaged even at office hours in religious discourses with the Roman Catholic Missionaries;

(*b*) whether the office and residential quarters of the Chief Inspectress are put up in the same building;

(*c*) whether she permits Christian ladies alone to visit her on business; and

(*d*) whether she shows preferential treatment to Christian applicants in the matter of appointments?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) There are two blocks of buildings connected by a passage. The office is held in one block and the other block is used as residential quarters.

(*c*) and (*d*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With regard to answer to part (*a*), may I know from the Government whether Roman Catholic Missionaries frequently visit the Office of the Chief Inspectress of Schools?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Probably as managers of schools they have to see her.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether they are aware that non-missionaries, when they go to visit the Inspectress, are not given audience ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The answer is already given to part (*c*) of the question as ' No '.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) May I know from the Government whether the rent for the building referred to in part (*b*) of the question is given for both the blocks together or for the office block and the quarters separately ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The Inspectress pays a portion of the rent for the building.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : What is the rent for the whole building ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : If my memory serves me right, it is Rs. 50.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know what is the contribution made by the Inspectress ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Again, if my memory serves me right, it is about Rs. 20.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : How many rooms are occupied by the Office of the Inspectress?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : About 12 rooms.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member how many rooms there are altogether in the building ?

PRESIDENT : Give a plan of the building.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : About 19 rooms.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know from the member whether the Inspectress is refusing audience to male managers ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Sir, there is a comprehensive answer ' No ' given to part (*c*) of the question.

V. P. School, Prayar.

24 ✻ **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any report has been submitted by the Divisional Inspector, Tiruvalla, regarding the construction of the V. P. School Prayar, in Pandanad *pakuthi*, Tiruvalla taluk ;

(*b*) when the old building was auctioned by them ;

(*c*) the place where the school is being held now ; and

(*d*) the action hitherto taken by the department and Government for the reconstruction of the school building ?

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